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## COUNCIL PRESIDENT BEN HUESO

### District Eight

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### Council President Hueso Honors Cesar Chavez with *125 Trees/1 Day* Event

In honor of Cesar Chavez Day, several District Eight neighborhoods will be greener – literally – with the planting of 125 trees on Saturday, March 28, 2009. Council President Ben Hueso, the Cesar Chavez Service Club, and Urban Corps of San Diego County will work together on the event.

Council President Ben Hueso will provide the 15-gallon trees for the second annual *125 Trees/1 Day* installations and host the 9:00 a.m. kick-off ceremony at Burbank Elementary School. “This is community service at its best,” said Hueso. “Volunteers give three hours of their time, and their efforts pay off for years as the trees grow.”

The event reinforces the message that people, working together, can be a powerful force. “The *125 Trees/1 Day* project is an excellent opportunity for our Chavez Service Club members to practice the value of respect, one of ten Club values,” said Cesar Chavez Service Club Executive Director, Carlos LeGerrette. “What better way to show respect for the earth than to personally plant a tree?”

Urban Corps of San Diego, an environmental work-learn program for youth, helped to select locations in the Memorial, Logan Heights, Stockton and Southcrest neighborhoods, securing community volunteers in the process. “We are proud to honor the legacy of Cesar Chavez,” said Urban Corps CEO, Sam Duran. “Through this work, we encourage current and future generations to be inspired by Cesar’s work and his unyielding dedication to service.”

The event is sponsored by Council President Ben Hueso, Cesar Chavez Service Club, Urban Corps of San Diego and Continuing Education: San Diego Community College District. Partners include San Diego Unified School District D Board Member Richard Barrera, San Diego Unity League, San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council, AFL-CIO, Burbank Elementary School, and Imagery Marketing and Communications.

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